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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for concealing a ~~caulking~~ joint ~~formed~~ between adjacent first and second surfaces comprising:

a caulking joint formed between the first and the second surfaces;

an elongated central strip having first and second edges and the strip having first and second sides;

a first flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the first edge, the first flap having a first side adapted to be adhered to a first of the adjacent surfaces such that the first flap conforms to the first of the adjacent surfaces in a watertight manner;

a second flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the second edge, the second flap having a first side adapted to be adhered to a second of the adjacent surfaces such that the second flap conforms to the second of the adjacent surfaces in a watertight manner; and

the central strip ~~being adapted to covering~~ the caulking joint with, the first side of the central strip facing the caulking joint when the first flap is adhered to the first surface and the second flap is adhered to the second surface,

whereby the caulking joint is concealed by the device.

2. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein an exterior longitudinal edge of each of the first and second flaps is tapered.

3. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein longitudinal connection of the first and second flaps to the

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first and second edges of the central strip are flexible hinges.

4. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second flaps are integrally formed with the central strip and have a lesser degree of flexibility than the central strip.

5. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second flaps are integrally formed with the central strip and have a greater degree of flexibility than the central strip.

6. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein the central strip is transversally convex with respect to the second side of the central strip such that the first side forms a concavity to enclose the caulking joint.

7. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein the first side of each of the first and second flaps is covered with an adhesive.

8. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is in the form of at least an adhesive strip.

9. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 7, wherein an exposed part of the adhesive is protected by a removable backing strip.

10. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is in the form of two independent adhesive strips, a first of the adhesive strips being pre-applied on the first side of the first flap and a second of the adhesive

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strips being pre-applied on the first side of the second flap.

11. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein the central strip has no contact with the caulking joint.

12. (ORIGINAL) A device according to claim 1, wherein the central strip is flexible enough to conform to the caulking joint.

13. (ORIGINAL) A method for concealing a caulking joint between two adjacent surfaces with an elongated body having a central strip with elongated first and second flaps, comprising the steps of:

a) placing and adhering the first flap to one of the surfaces, adjacent to the caulking joint;

b) placing and adhering the second flap to the other of the surfaces, adjacent to the caulking joint;

such that the central strip is over the caulking joint so that the central strip encloses the caulking joint.

14. (ORIGINAL) A method for concealing a caulking joint according to claim 13, wherein a step of cleaning at least one of the caulking joint, the first of the surfaces and the second of the surfaces is performed before steps a, b.

15. (ORIGINAL) A method for concealing a caulking joint according to claim 13, wherein the device is adjusted to the length of the caulking joint by performing a step of cutting the device to a required length for appropriately covering the caulking joint before performing steps a or b.

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16. (ORIGINAL) A method for concealing a caulking joint according to claim 15, wherein a template is used for the step of cutting the body.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A kit for concealing a pair of intersecting joints between adjacent surfaces, comprising:

a device having an elongated body adapted to have parts of a first side of the body connected to surfaces defining a joint in a watertight manner such that a central strip of the body encloses the joint, the device being adapted to be transversally cut in segments in order to conform with lengths of joints; and

a cutting template for ~~shaping~~ guiding the cutting of ends of a pair of segments of the device in order to obtain complementary ends between the pair of segments meeting at a pair of intersecting joints so as to conceal the pair of intersecting joints.

18. (ORIGINAL) A kit according to claim 17, wherein said joint is covered by caulking such that the caulking is enclosed by the device.

19. (ORIGINAL) A kit according to claim 17, wherein at least the part of the back side comprises an adhesive strip.